

ABSTRACT

G-IA-192

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(194)
Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

1767 (area surveyed), 1902 (monument)

Milestone No. ---(194), in the Casselman River Valley, marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 2300 feet west of their approximate 176th mile from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile provincial boundary, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 17 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). On the national and state levels, No. ---(194) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. G-IA-192

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 194)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of US 219 (Salisbury Road/T-346)

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	Xnot applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list).

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REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IA-192 entered 9/4/81

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SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (194) marks a new point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary/ and Dixon's approximate 176th mile from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a new, very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when set at an additional site in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 17 inches high above the ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is the western wooded bottomland of Chestnut Ridge, southwest to northeasterly following the Casselman River and abandoned Jennings Lumber railroad right-of-way. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2½ miles southwest of the town of Salisbury, PA; about 2 miles north-northwest of the settlement of High Point, MD; about 400 feet east of the Casselman River; about 30 feet east of the Jennings railroad (now hiking trail without rails), and about 10 feet south of the east-west Columbia Gas pipeline, about 4 feet west of an old wood fencepost standing guard at the edge of the deciduous woods throughout this area. It cannot be seen from any road, but easily from the railroad right-of-way and pipeline, all seasons, and is apparently protected by the post and site.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called magnesian limestone or saccharoidal dolomite. It was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex, are all clear and intact, although there are some minor chips at the top corners and along the vertical edges; and the stone surfaces are darkened as though from periodic flooding.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for further descriptions of the various kinds of monuments set in 1902 as replacements and additions to the West Line)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area surveyed) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument added) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(194) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked in 1767, and this site established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble post during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(194) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66198, northing 439841

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Garrett

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey 10/11/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

DATE

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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 MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. — (194)
 AVILTON QUADRANGLE
 MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
 USES 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 1947 PHOTO REV. 1974
 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

UNITED STATES
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MARYLAND
 MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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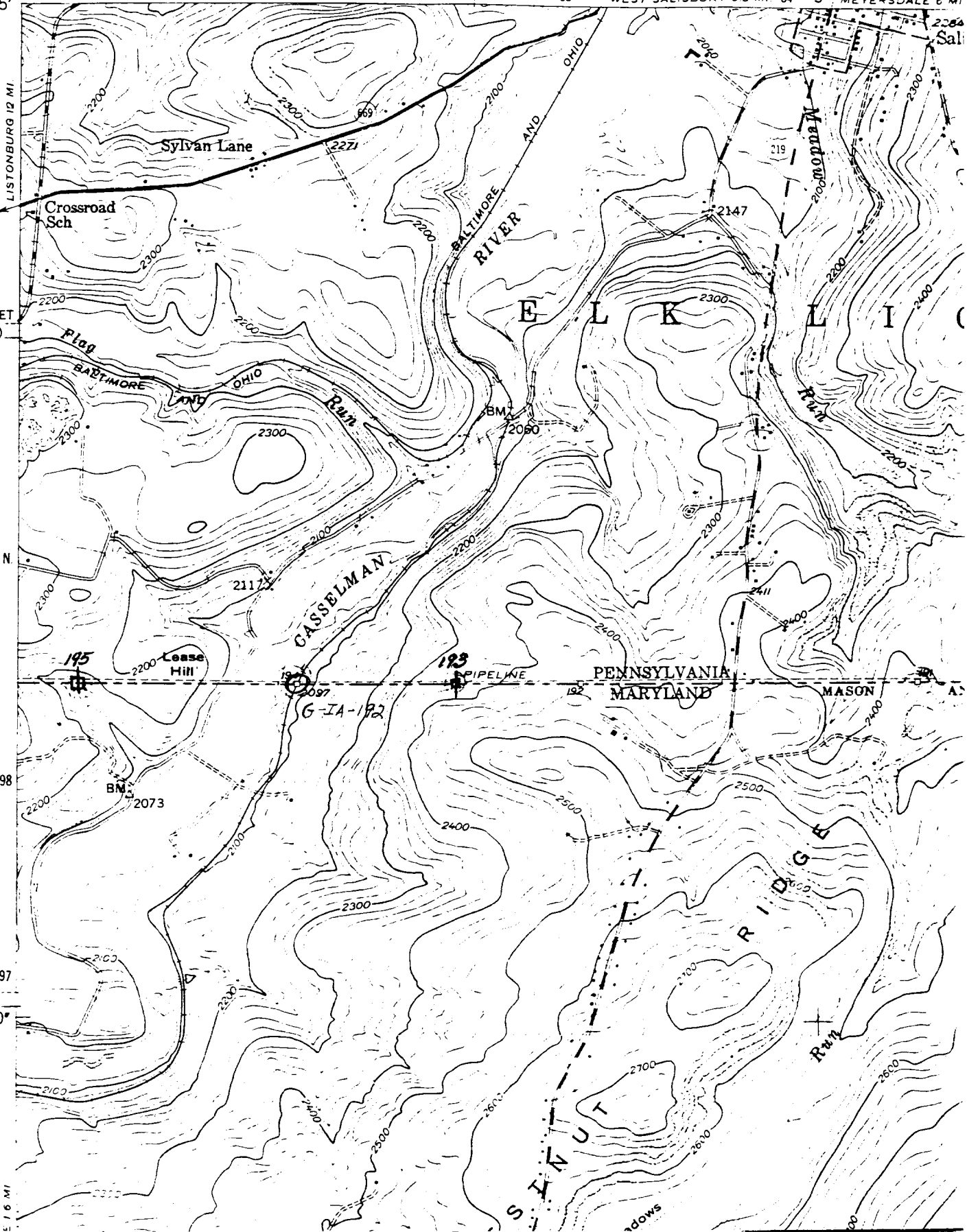
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